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1. A delegation of Soviet Advisors to the East German Ministry for Transport arrived in the Ministry offices in early January 1955; they reportedly were sent directly from the Soviet Union to fill these posts. The official title given this group of advisors is "Russische Beratungskommission fuer die Verwirklichung der Sozialistischen Leitung der Deutschen Reichsbahn". There are a total of some 12 male Soviet officials employed in this group, all of whom are believed to be military personnel despite the fact that they appear in civilian attire. There are no Germans employed in this office. All members of the group speak good German. 25X1

2. The Soviet Advisory Commission was given office space on the fourth floor of the newly reconstructed west wing of the Ministry for Transport building on Krausenstrasse. The Commission is reported to have taken over an entire "apartment". The entrance to the offices is closed off by a steel door, although no sentries have been noted posted.

4. The Commission deals only with the Kollegium of the Ministry, which is made up of the Minister, the Deputy Ministers, the chiefs of the Main Administrations, and the individual presidents of the Reichsbahn Offices. 25X1

5. The members of the Commission come to their offices from Karlshorst in EMW limousines, chauffeured by Soviet drivers. They appear to have another office in Karlshorst. One of the limousines used by the group has been observed parked outside of the main entrance to the Karlshorst compound.

This car is a black EMW. It has been observed in front of the Krausenstrasse building at various times since the installation of the Soviet advisors, and members of the Commission were observed arriving in this car. 25X1

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6. This Commission appears to have no connection with the WOSO<sup>3</sup> office, which is believed to be the Soviet Transportation Office in contact with the Reichsbahn and which appears still to be functioning in the Reichsbahndirektion building [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment: Soviet Advisory Commission for the Socialist Operation of the Reichsbahn.

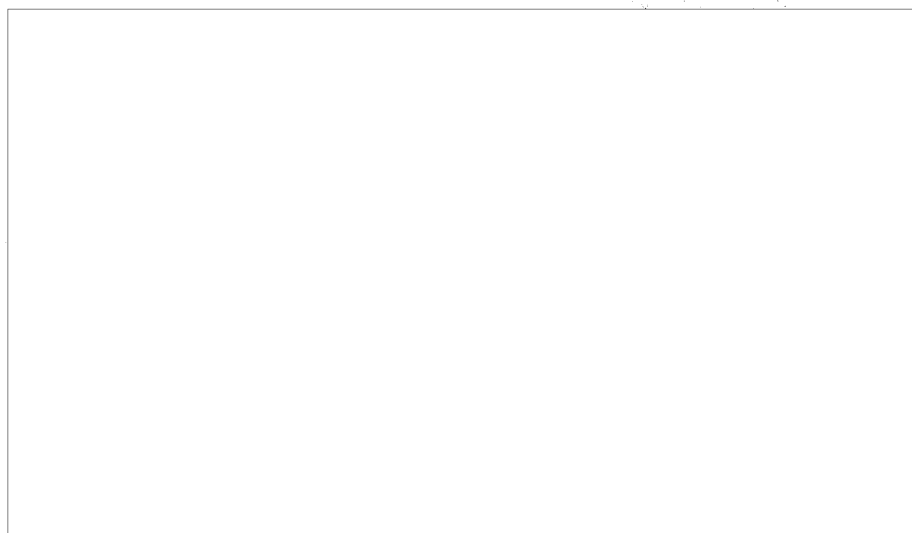
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2. [redacted] Comment: Presumably an entire floor or one-half a floor is meant by the term "apartment", to denote a sealed-off, separate unit of offices.

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3. [redacted] Comment: Voennoye Sovshcheniye (Sowjetischer Transport-Bevollmaechtigter in der SBZ)(Soviet Chief Traffic Officer in the Soviet Occupation Zone.)

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